

these truly heroic young men and young women.

EDWARD FLAHERTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Edward Flaherty, Veteran of the United States Army, for his service to our country.

Edward served in the U.S. Army from 1941–1945, serving two years, eleven months, and two days throughout the Pacific theater of World War II, including time in New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. While serving in the Army, Edward was a Medical Technician with the 131st Engineer Regiment Medical Detachment, in which he played an essential role in treating his fellow soldiers' wounds and injuries while also assisting with evacuations for casualties.

During his time in the Army, Edward was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star. Edward Flaherty's courageous service helped to defend our nation's democracy and ideals abroad at a crucial moment in world history. His heroism has charted the path for future generations of men and women who serve in the military. We are proud to have Edward call Colorado home, and forever indebted to him for his bravery and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Edward for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
NOLAN BARBER ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES NAVAL
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

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Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nolan Barber of Monclova, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Nolan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nolan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Nolan participated in football, wrestling, and track and field, earning his varsity letter in all three. After graduating from Anthony Wayne High School in 2020, Nolan attended the

United States Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nolan Barber on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nolan will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

CONGRATULATING THE TELACU
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON
THEIR 37TH ANNUAL BUILDING
THE DREAM GALA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation (the Foundation), a nonprofit organization that significantly impacts thousands of talented students from low-income families, the majority of whom are Californians and many are from my 40th Congressional District.

For nearly four decades, the Foundation has annually empowered approximately 2,000 first-generation high school, college, and graduate school students—including brave veterans of our nation's military—to achieve academic and professional success, and to become the leaders who inspire future generations. The 37th Annual Building the Dream Gala celebrates this year's graduates who will join an army of TELACU Scholar Alumni who are changing our world by innovating solutions as researchers and engineers in cutting-edge laboratories such as NASA/JPL, CalTech, Harvard and MIT; serving on the frontlines of COVID–19 as nurses, doctors, vaccinators, and other health care professionals; and crusading for equality and justice across our nation—from the boardroom to the courtroom!

TELACU's "CREO" Award, the "I Believe" Award, recognizes individuals who exemplify the highest ideals and commitment to improving society through personal and public service. This year it will be presented to the first Latina Los Angeles City Council President in the City Council's 170-year history, the Honorable Nury Martinez. President Martinez is an outstanding role model who embodies the hopes and dreams of all TELACU Scholars—the children of Latino immigrant families, the first (but not the last) in their family to graduate from college, the dreamers who consistently shatter historical barriers to achievement.

This year's gala will also include a Special 80th Birthday Tribute to Chairman and Founder of the TELACU Education Foundation, Dr. David C. Lizárraga. With a dedicated career of service spanning six decades, Dr. Lizárraga's impact is immeasurable. Beginning as a social worker and community organizer, he quickly gained a reputation for equipping people with the tools they need to achieve self-sufficiency and the American Dream. As President and CEO of TELACU in the early 1960s, he developed a unique business model for community development based on one simple but profound principle—profitability is inseparable

from positive, tangible social impact. Under his leadership for more than 35 years, TELACU flourished and grew into the largest Community Development Corporation in America.

In response to staggering college dropout rates among young Latinx, in 1983 Dr. Lizárraga created what is without a doubt his most impactful and legacy in service to our community and to our nation—the TELACU Education Foundation. TELACU Scholars have built a stellar legacy individually and collectively. Historically, over 98 percent of high school scholars graduate and almost without exception pursue higher education; more than 99 percent of college Scholars earn at minimum a Bachelor's, with an increasing number going on to attain advanced degrees. Their achievement of higher education, increased earning power and dedication to service lead to the socioeconomic empowerment not only of their local community, but also of our nation and beyond!

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating The Honorable Nury Martinez in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the City of Los Angeles. And on behalf of the tens of thousands of students, veterans, families and communities they have served, empowered, and advanced to achieve self-sufficiency, I also ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the TELACU Education Foundation and its Founder Dr. David C. Lizárraga—whose tireless work to expand educational opportunities has opened the door to vast new possibilities for thousands of young professionals and veterans.

HONORING SHADAWN REDDICK-
SMITH

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank and honor Shadawn Reddick-Smith for her years of distinguished service to the House Judiciary Committee and to the United States Congress. Through her strategic insight and tireless dedication to advancing the Committee's priorities, Shadawn played a vital role in ensuring the work of the House Judiciary Committee was accessible and tangible to the American people.

As we toiled together to reject then-President Trump's disgraceful efforts to undermine our democracy and erode key Judiciary priorities—namely reforming our immigration system, preventing gun violence, and protecting access to the ballot box—I saw firsthand her passion and her skillful capacity to render our often-complex work understandable to the public.

When Democrats took control of the House in January of 2019, the eyes of the country were fixed upon the Judiciary Committee I now chaired. I was deeply grateful that Shadawn stayed on my staff as my communications director as we entered this unprecedented time in American history. Before us lay problems existential in nature and scope: a lawless President intent on destroying democratic norms, an executive branch stubbornly fixed on stonewalling accountability, and a structure of government thrown into disarray by the Administration's ineptitude and cruelty.